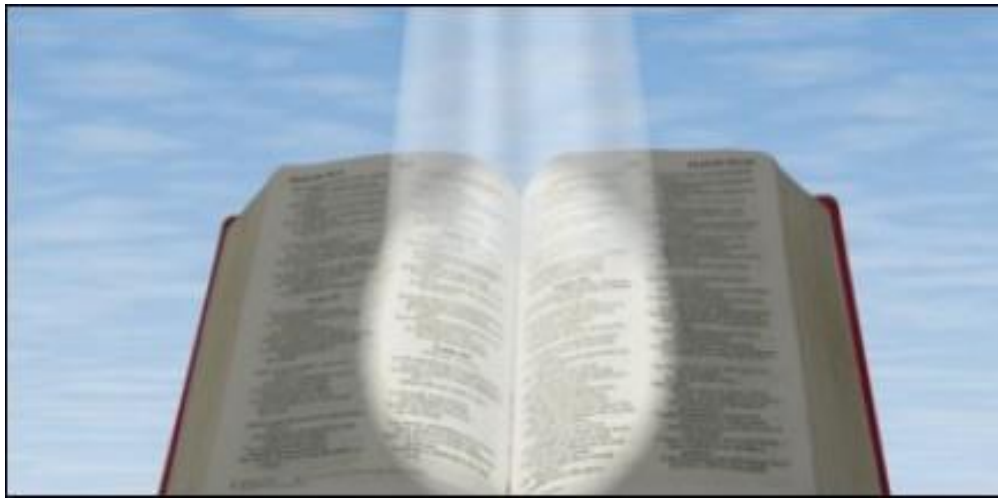


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1. What is sanctification?

It is the changing divine activity, which brings about the change of a sinner into a saint, of a human, who **inwardly and outwardly** is redeemed from his sinful nature, which makes him fit to live henceforward **inwardly and outwardly** in **sanctification** and **justification** by the grace of God.

The Scriptures teach us, that we are not able to achieve this in our own human power or by positive thinking.

Titus 3:3-5, *“For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”*

Romans 3:21-26, *“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a Propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”*

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2. This Divine sanctification and justification is built in our being by our faith in and by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who brings this about in our being by His Holy Spirit.

- We have to **willingly** take part in His graceful offer, which He has achieved for us,
- We have **willingly** being planted together in the likeness of His death.
- We have **willingly** to eat and drink (spiritually) His flesh and blood.
- We have to do this **continually** as long as our sanctification has not yet been finished.

1 Corinthians 1:30, *“But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:13, *“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”*

Romans 6:5, *“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.”*

John 6:48-58, *“I am that Bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living Bread Which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: and the Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this Man give us His flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that Bread Which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this Bread shall live for ever.”*

2 Corinthians 4:10-11, *“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”*

Now faith is no matter to be brought about by ourselves, but is a **gift of God**, if we have been converted to God, and have confessed our sins.

Ephesians 2:8-9, *“For **by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is **the gift of God**: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

3. Sanctification is the will of God; for He wants to completely redeem mankind, who is fallen in the power of satan and sin, in order to bless us and lead us to Himself into His heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, *“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God.”*

1 Timothy 2:4, *“Who will have **all men** to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”*

Man fallen in sin is an eternally lost creature and can only be saved by **the God given Mediator, our Lord Jesus Christ**, because He achieved an **eternal redemption** for mankind by His sacrifice at Calvary.

Romans 2:12, *“For **as many as have sinned** without law shall also **perish** without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law.”*

1 Timothy 2:5, *“For there is **one God**, and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”*

Hebrews 9:11-15, *“But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained **eternal redemption** for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause **He is the Mediator** of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”*

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4. Sanctification makes us to step out of the dimension of darkness and sin into the dimension of God's divine light, into the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

Colossians 1:13, *“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.”*

5. The sanctifying work of our almighty Lord Jesus Christ begins with His redemption from the powers of satan and sin in our heart and life, and our rebirth out of God, the beginning of our spiritual resurrection life out of God.

Ephesians 5:26-27, *“That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**”*

John 1:13, *“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**”*

John 3:3, *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot **see** the Kingdom of God.”*

John 3:5, *“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water** and of **the Spirit**, he cannot **enter** into the Kingdom of God.”*

Without this rebirth out of God, by which the spiritual man develops in us, stepping so into the dimension of God's light, **we are not able to see God's Kingdom, moreover to enter that Kingdom.** This rebirth out of God has to develop into its maturity.

Believing souls, who die in God's mercy **without sanctification**, therefore do not come in God's heaven but in **paradise** or **pre-heaven**, where they undergo their sanctification or purification before they are able to enter God's heaven. ¹

¹ In the light of the Israeli tabernacle we see this paradise or pre-heaven symbolically pictured as the court of the tabernacle. This court is divided from the tabernacle by the laver of brass, which forms symbolically a picture of the sea of glass, which divided the paradise from the old heaven:

“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God (the converted and saved Jews who do not yet have come to faith in Jesus Christ), and the song of the Lamb (the converted and saved Christians) saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the 7 angels came out of the temple, having the 7 plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts (literal translation: living creatures) gave unto the 7 angels 7 golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the 7 plagues of the 7 angels were fulfilled.” (Revelation 15:2-8)

The foursquare holy of holies of the Israeli tabernacle forms symbolically a picture of the foursquare New Jerusalem in the new heaven: “And the city lieth **foursquare**, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, 12,000 furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.” (Revelation 21:16)

In the light of the Israeli tabernacle we see this paradise or pre-heaven pictured as the tabernacle court. In the new heaven the paradise and the sea of glass shall be no more, because all saved souls then have been grown up perfectly in Christ after the the Kingdom of 1000 years is over: “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea (of glass).” (Revelation 21:1)

Luke 23:42-43, *“And He said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me (with God’s Holy Spirit) **in paradise** (Jesus, Himself, was then during 3 nights an 3 days in Hades).”*

This is the same place meant by Jesus in the following Bible verses:

John 14:1-4, *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”*

And also the same place meant by the apostle Paul in the following verses:

2 Corinthians 5:1-6, *“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.”*

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Also those souls, who die in God’s mercy, but have their sanctification not yet perfectly undergone, come after their death firstly in this paradise.

When an unconverted sinner dies, he comes firstly in **the realm of death (hades)**, to await there the last judgement. This judgement happens after the Kingdom of 1000 years.

Hebrews 9:27, *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”*

Ecclesiastes 11:3, *“If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, **in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be** (If the tree – a picture of a soul – falls to God, he will be saved; if it falls away from God, the soul will be doomed).”*

Luke 16:23-31, *“And in hell he (the rich man) lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”*

Matthew 25:31-32, *“When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.”*

Matthew 25:41-46, *“Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**: For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not. Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee? Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me. **And these shall go away into everlasting punishment**: but the righteous into life eternal.”*

Revelation 20:11-15, *“And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire**. This is the **second death**. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

6. Without sanctification, which brings forth holiness of heart, we are not able to see God.

Hebrews 12:14, *“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which **no man shall see the Lord**.”*

Our Lord Jesus Christ leads us to God, our heavenly Father in heaven with Him.

John 14:6, *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”*

7. This rebirth out of God is firstly not seen by our fellowman.

Therefore Scripture in 1 Timothy 3:16a speaks of the **mystery of godliness**. Yet this godliness is experienced by the reborn man himself. This creation in the **hidden** state of the human heart is necessary to **protect him against the enmity of the world, who lives in the evil one**.

1 Corinthians 2:14-15, *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, **yet he himself is judged of no man.**”*

1 Timothy 3:16a, *“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness.”*

Luke 17:20-21, *“And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**”*

8. This hiddenly created godliness has to develop into the revelation of God’s sonship, already here on earth.

Romans 8:18-19, *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God.**”*

Not before the Lord has put on His new creation inwardly and outwardly with **divine powers**, what happens with the bridal festival of God’s Lamb, this sonship is revealed on earth. Then she has the **divine power** of the Holy Spirit to **wage war** against the sin-dragon (Revelation 12:3), who is active in the Church and in the world. She wages war, led by Lord Michael, Jesus in His function of Lord of hosts (Revelation 12:7, Daniel 12:1) against the godless laws, which the godless reigns have accepted in their systems. Then the Bride of God’s Lam by her given divine power shall have **victory** over these powers of darkness!

How wonderful it then will be, when we victoriously shall stand in front of the dark powers of false Church and world and victoriously will proclaim the eternal truths of His Word from victory to victory in divine conviction and power till the finishing victory at the end of the world wide revival has been obtained and the numerous souls have been won for God’s Kingdom.

Psalms 2:1-3, *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings (the presidents) of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the LORD**, and **against His anointed** (His Church), saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us (they want to act freely according their own lusts).”*

Revelation 7:9, *“After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number**, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands (picture of the divine freedom in their hearts).”*

Revelation 12:7-11, *“And there was war in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church): Michael (Jesus Christ in His function of Lord of hosts and Prince of Israel, see Daniel 12:1) and His angels (His called and anointed servants) fought against the (sin) dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels (his false servants), And **prevailed not**; neither was their place found any more in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church). And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth (out of the true Church), and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church), Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by (their faith in) the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their (sinful) lives unto the death (until it is mortified by them in the power of the Holy Spirit).”*

1 Timothy 3:16b, *“God was **manifest in the flesh**, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”*

Between the hidden state of this godliness and its revelation in the flesh, is its **becoming revealed** in the flesh, its **developing into its revelation**. In other words: the sanctification of the spiritual man, the **becoming** mature of the reborn man out of God, starts then. When born again a spark of godly light is kindled within the dark nature of the repented sinner. This light out of God’s life has to grow into its maturity and divine glory.

a. the revelation of this godliness in the flesh, in the earthly life of the believer.

Revelation 12:1, *“And there appeared a great wonder in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church); a woman (the Bride of God’s Lamb) clothed with the sun (picture of the Father), and the moon (picture of the Son) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of 12 stars (picture of the Holy Spirit – The Bride is then inwardly and outwardly clothed with divine glory, majesty and authority).”*

Isaiah 60:1-3, *“Arise, shine; for thy **light is come**, and **the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee**. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and **His glory shall be seen upon thee**. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the **brightness** of thy rising.”*

b. the justification of this godliness in the spirit.

Romans 3:21-26, *“But now the righteousness of God without the law is **manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even **the righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a Propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”*

Ephesians 3:17-19, *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with **all the fulness of God**.”*

Ephesians 4:13-16, *“Till we **all** come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: From Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto **the edifying of itself in love**.”*

c. This godliness is seen by the angels. Angels are spiritual beings and are able to observe with astonishment the inward growth of the **christ-nature** through the flesh. The devils are spiritual beings too. They also see this, and shudder.

d. This godliness is preached among the gentiles, in the gentile world, for their saving.

Matthew 28:19, *“Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”*

Matthew 24:14, *“And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached **in all the world** for a witness unto **all nations**; and then shall the end come.”*

e. This godliness is believed in the world. In the end-time the great world-wide revival will happen and numerous souls out of the whole world will be won for the Kingdom of God.

Revelation 7:9, *“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, **which no man could number**, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.”*

Isaiah 2:1-3, *“The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, that the mountain (the power) of the LORD'S house (the true Church) shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills (the Bride of God's Lamb shall obtain more power than any power in world and hell); and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (picture of the world wide revival in the end-time).”*

f. This holy people, the Bride of God's Lamb, will be taken into God's glory.

Revelation 21:1-27, *“And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea (of glass). And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem (the Bride of God's Lamb), (continually) coming down from God out of heaven (forming so a spiritual ladder of Jacob, a spiritual union of God's throne with the new earth) prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with (in 2 Corinthians 6:16 translated with 'in') them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with (in) them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall **inherit all things**; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone (the eternal hell): which is the second death. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the Bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having **the glory of God**: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had 12 gates, and at the gates 12 angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the 12 tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had 12 foundations, and in them the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth **foursquare**, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, 12 thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred*

and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The 1st foundation was jasper; the 2nd sapphire; the 3rd a chalcedony; the 4th an emerald; The 5th sardonyx; the 6th sardius; the 7th chrysolite; the 8th beryl; the 9th a topaz; the 10th a chrysoprasus; the 11th a jacinth; the 12th an amethyst. And the 12 gates were 12 pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Often, at Bible-teaching, 1 Timothy 3:16 abusively is wrongly applied to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is not correct. Our Lord Jesus Christ was not justified, He **was just**, already from His birth. This Bible-verse is teaching about the members of the Church and this verse, 1 Timothy chapter 3, regards the splendour of the glorious finishing scene of its formation. Moreover, teaching so abusively one takes this verse out of its context, for the **whole** chapter regards **the formation of the Church**.

9. Sanctification does not happen automatically, we have to co-operate with Jesus for achieving it. In Jesus' power we have to flee from any temptation that comes from the world around us and we have to mortify the power of sin in us until it is dead and we can not sin anymore.

So this sanctifying work by our Lord Jesus Christ in our body, soul and spirit, after we have faith in Him and have confessed our sins, does not happen **automatically**, we have namely a free will.

- We have to flee from sinful circumstances.

2 Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore **come out from among them**, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you."

1 Timothy 6:11, "But thou, O man of God, **flee these things**; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

2 Peter 1:4, "Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great** and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption** that is in the world through lust."

2 Peter 2:20a, "In the power of Christ **we have to completely mortify** the works of our sinful flesh."

Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit **do mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live."

Colossians 3:5, "**Mortify therefore your members** which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, **which is idolatry**."

Colossians 2:20, "Wherefore if ye be **dead with Christ** from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances."

1 Peter 2:24, "Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree (= the cross), that we, being **dead to sins**, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed."

1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for His seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin**, because he is **born of God**."

- We **always** must spiritually have the dying of our Lord Jesus Christ in our body. Especially we need this in the end-time, because the satanic powers will then operate more aggressively against the body of Christ. In this end time many anti-christs will come and iniquity **shall abound**.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11, "**Always** bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be **made manifest** in our body. For we which live are always **delivered unto death** for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

Matthew 24:5 + 12, "For **many** shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive **many**. **12** And because **iniquity shall abound**, the love of many shall wax cold."

10. Let us so with perseverance and patience follow this Highway of sanctification under the conduct of the High Priest, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who comes to us through His Holy Spirit.

Malachi 3:1-3, "Behold, I will send My messenger (picture of all called and anointed servants of the Lord), and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, Whom ye seek (our Lord Jesus Christ in and through His Holy Spirit), shall **suddenly** come to His temple, even the Messenger of the (Blood-)covenant, Whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand (not lie in sin) when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (picture of all wise, called and anointed servants of the Lord), and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."

Hebrews 4:14-16, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest Which cannot be touched with the

feeling of our infirmities; but was **in all points tempted like as we are**, yet **without sin**. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 10:19-24, “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the (torn) veil (see Matthew 27:51), that is to say, His (crucified) flesh; And having an High Priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts **sprinkled from an evil conscience**, and our **bodies washed with (baptised in) pure water**. Let us **hold fast the profession of our faith** without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) And let us **consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works**.”

11. The perfect sanctification of all souls, who take part in the eternal Bride of God’s Lamb, also those out of the Old Covenant, happens in the Kingdom of King Jesus of 1000 years.

The resurrection of the righteous dead out of all times happens together with the bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth.

2 Thessalonians 1:10, “When he shall come to be **glorified** in his saints, and to be **admired** in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.”

Revelation 20:4, “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they **lived and reigned with Christ** a thousand years.”

Ephesians 4:13-16, “Till we **all** come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**.”

The Kingdom of 1000 years of King Jesus is the place where all souls, risen out of the dead, also those out of the Old Covenant, will be brought in the perfection in Christ by His called and anointed servants as His spiritual instruments.

Hebrews 11:40, “God having provided some better thing for us, that they (the saved souls out of the Old Covenant) **without us should not be made perfect**.”

To the measure of their growth in the Christ-nature each of these godly souls will get part in the **theocratic** government of this divine Kingdom.

Luke 19:17-19, “And He said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And He said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.”

Here the mayorship over 5 and 10 cities will be entrusted to righteous souls, risen out of the dead, who in a certain measure are grown in the Christ-nature. To the perfect ones in Christ **is given to sit down with King Jesus Christ in His throne**.

Revelation 3:21, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

At the end of this 1000 years **all souls**, who take part in it are grown unto the **perfection in the Christ-nature**. **All** of them inhabit then the foursquare **New Jerusalem**. Of this holy place, the foursquare holy of holies of the Israeli tabernacle is a symbolic picture. This sanctuary of God is then grown unto its eternal maturity and size, unto the new heaven.

Then the paradise with the sea of glass and the old heaven are no longer necessary. **Therefore they pass away**. Then the eternal Bride of God’s Lamb inhabits **the new heaven in all eternity and will reign with King Jesus over the new earth(s)**.

Revelation 21:1, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea (of glass).”

12. Then God’s original plan with mankind has been perfectly achieved.

Genesis 1:26a, “And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**.”

The saved part of mankind then forms the eternal Bride of God’s Lamb, the perfect Body of Christ. She inhabits then **eternally the new heaven in and with the almighty God, reigning over the new earth(s)**.

Ephesians 4:12-16, “For **the perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till **we all** come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: From Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we **the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.**"

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